Sanitation by private companies

†2181. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have decided to take services of private companies for sanitation work in passenger trains and at railway stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of railway stations for which decision has been taken to get sanitation work done by private companies at first instance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes,Sir.

(b) The work of cleaning and sanitation of passenger coaches on through passing trains at Ratlam station of Western Railway has been awarded to M/s Eureka Forbes Pvt. Ltd. Contract for cleaning at Railway stations have been awarded to private parties at some Railway Stations by the Zonal Railways based on the need at the particular location, feasibility availability of service provider etc. The Zonal Railways have been empowered to undertake such activities at important stations with in their jurisdiction.

(c) At the first instance, only Ratlam station has been taken up for contractor based cleaning of coaches on through trains with a view to establish the norms for such work being taken up on contract. Thereafter, fourteen other stations have been identified where such work will be taken up through private companies with expertise in this field.

Rail lines connecting major cities of Karnataka

2182. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
SHRI M. V. RAJASEKHARAN:
SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that many new rail lines

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